

# California Libertarian News

The Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of California

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## Keeping 'em LONG ACTIVE

**LONG ACTIVE**—it stands for Libertarian Outreach Network Generating Active Cadre Through Independent Voter Education. That's quite an acronym, but it's quite an idea, too. Bob Lehman is the founder of this new Libertarian group in L.A. County, which will be distributing tens of thousands of copies of the outreach issue of *Libertarian Party NEWS* to independent voters (those who declined to state a political preference when registering to vote).

The plan is to enlist hundreds of registered Libertarian voters in L.A. County—out of the 2,500 whom we know to have voted in the June 3 primary—by showing them the outreach issue of the *NEWS* and asking *them* to distribute copies to registered Libertarian and independent "Decline-to-State" voters in their own neighborhood.

This outreach plan is different from any preceding one in that it represents a systematic approach to motivating Libertarian voters to find potential Libertarians in their own neighborhoods. This is important, for it has been discovered that those registered Libertarians who had never joined or contributed to the LP or the LPC, but who voted in the 1984 primary election, *responded to a fundraising letter 10 times as often as those registered Libertarians who didn't vote!* Which figures—these are the ones who are really interested. The idea is to get such voters active—to motivate them to participate in our campaigns even if they haven't paid dues or contributed to the LPC.

There are six steps in the plan:

1. The first step is the setting up of a county-wide distribution network of 50 dues-paid members of the LPC or national LP. These will serve as area captains and take charge of the effort to distribute the *NEWS* in small areas (three to seven zip codes) to 40 to 60 Libertarians who voted on June 3.

Seven regional coordinators are also being recruited to monitor distribution and the progress of the area captains in their regions. This first step is scheduled for completion by July 31.

2. Step two (also scheduled for completion by July 31) is to go through the precinct books at the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder's office to find out who voted in the primary. That's easy: just look for the signatures. Jot down address, phone and precinct numbers on index cards; then group according to zip code for distribution to area captains.



Dick Boddie of The Motivators, explains Bob's plan to L.A. County Libertarians at the Central Committee Meeting, July 7.

3. Step three, August 1-24. Area captains, using the index cards from step two, will visit the 40 to 60 Libertarians in their area who voted. The area captain will call at the home, smile and say, "Hi, I'm from the Libertarian Party and I'd like you to have a copy of our newspaper," and will hand the voter the special outreach issue of the *NEWS* (with a response envelope enclosed). That's all—there's no need to try to talk with the voter or get into the home, but responses will be recorded on the index card *after* leaving the premises.

4. Step four is scheduled for August 25-31. Those who accepted the paper will be called and asked how many copies they would like to distribute to Libertarians (those who didn't vote) and independents in their neighborhood, at \$15 per hundred.

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## State Ex-Com to Meet

The State Executive Committee will meet August 9 and 10 at the Grand Plaza Hotel in Santa Ana (Orange County). Ex-Com meetings are open—all LPC members are welcome.

Pending the resignation of Bob Lehman, one of the main orders of the day will be the appointment of a new secretary. Interested parties should plan on attending. (See story page 2)



# Candidates and Campaign News

## Candidates' Calendars

**Norma Jean Almodovar**

**August 6:** Free Marin Supper Club, 6:30 p.m.  
Tiffany's Restaurant, 100 Nellen Ave., Corte Madera  
Topic: Cop to Call Girl—Victimless Crimes and the Criminal Justice System

**Carol Newman**

**August 21:** Region 62 Supper Club  
Uncle John's Restaurant, 3201 Wilshire, Santa Monica  
Topic: Hot Issues in the Attorney General's Race

**Breck McKinley**

**August 13:** Region 61 Supper Club  
Location to be Announced  
Topic: Public Schools—America's Gulag? An Insider's View  
**August 21:** Region 66 Meeting  
Home of Cullene Lang, 526 Cartagena St., Long Beach  
Topic: Misadventures in the IRS

## Bob Lehman Resigns

In order to concentrate on the LONG ACTIVE project, Bob Lehman has resigned as secretary of the LPC. A new secretary will be appointed at the August Ex-Com meeting (see page 1), and interested parties are urged to contact LPC chair Mark Hinkle, at (408) 227-1459, for details of the job description and/or attend the state Ex-Com meeting.

## LPC Primary Results Newman Gets 19,000 Votes!

For Carol Newman, LPC candidate for Attorney General, the unofficial tally for the June 3 primary seemed to good to be true—a whopping 19,372 votes—especially impressive when compared to the totals of other statewide candidates: Gubernatorial candidate Joe Fuhrig got 12,106; Norma Jean Almodovar, 8,703; Richard Winger, 8,754; Carolyn Treynor, 8,790; and Ray Cullen, 8,841. So, how about that 19,372?

A phone call to the election folks in Sacramento uncovered the reason—computer error in two counties: Eldorado (3,170 votes) and Mendocino (7,508). The official result is 53 and 47 votes respectively. This will be properly reported on the official vote count which should be completed in early August. Her unofficial count should be 8,794. Sorry about that, Carol.

## Cullen's Golden Opportunity

by Ted Brown

All the filing has been completed for this year's election, but Democrats and Republicans have failed to file in certain races. Luckily, Libertarians have filed against some of the entrenched incumbents.

The most important of these races is for State Treasurer, a post currently held by Democrat Jesse "Big Daddy" Unruh. No Republican has filed, leaving Ray Cullen, a CPA from Costa Mesa, as Unruh's main opponent. With so many voters in California, Cullen may just win more actual votes than any Libertarian in history! Stand by for future reports.

Other Libertarians in similar circumstances are George Abrahams (24th Congressional Dist., Hollywood area); and three San Diegans: Betsy Mill (38th Senate Dist.), Don Ellis (74th Assembly Dist.), and John Murphy (75th Assembly Dist.).

## Newsletter Editors: You Can Beat the Sales Tax

It's true! There's no sales tax on newsletter printing. According to the State Board of Equalization, newspapers and periodicals that are printed on a regular basis (like every month) and contain information of general interest to an organization or group of persons, are exempt from sales tax. What's more, "handbills, circulars, flyers, order forms, reply envelopes, maps or the like are considered as component parts of a newspaper or periodical when attached to or inserted in and distributed with the newspaper or periodical," and are also tax exempt. Now that could save a region a lot of money.

For more information and a copy of the regulation, contact your local Board of Equalization and ask for a copy (it's two pages) of Regulation 1590, Newspapers and Periodicals, under Sales and Use Tax Regulations.

## San Diego: Kudos and a Challenge

San Diego County has been able to find candidates to run in every Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional race for the November General Election—something not even the Democrats were able to do.

But they haven't stopped there. Four Libertarians have filed for non-partisan local contests: John Farr is in the race for the Vista Unified School Board District; Glen Pelski for Palomar Mountain Resource Conservation District; Barbara Dunn for Santee Elementary School Board, and Cary Smith for Palomar Community College Board.

As if active campaigning weren't enough, San Diego County is also conducting a membership drive, and chair Pat Wright predicts that region will soon be the largest in the state: "We'll be bigger than Santa Clara—we're challenging the other regions to a membership contest."



# Meet the Candidates



**Charles Carr:**  
**5th Assembly District**  
**(Parts of Sacramento**  
**and Placer Counties)**

Charles Carr, 40, finished with 5 percent of the vote in 1980 when he made a run at the Fifth Assembly District seat. This time he hopes to do better. "We've had years and years of Republicans and Democrats and no matter who gets in, the taxes always go up," Carr lamented, "it's time for a change."

Carr, a longtime Libertarian, lives in Loomis with his wife and four children and works as a general manager for a construction company. . . . (He) is a member of the county Libertarian Central Committee and is the county's representative to the state Libertarian Executive Committee. Because he is using limited personal finances, Carr says he will run a low key campaign.

"We're getting farther away from the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution," Carr said. "We're getting more and more laws but we're not addressing the problems. Our solutions are merely creating more problems."

One area of concern to Carr is public education, which he says is a monopoly. . . . (He) would like to see some kind of voucher system applied to public education whereby taxpayers could choose the school of their choice."

From *The Journal*, Auburn (Placer Co.), May 25, 1986.



**Craig Gifford:**  
**33rd Assembly Dist.**  
**(Western Kern and**  
**Tulare Counties)**

Craig Steven Gifford, Kern County chairman of the Libertarian Party, says he knows he stands the "same chance as an ice cube in Hades" of winning the race for the 33rd Assembly District. He decided to run so he can educate the public about the need for less government. "It's really the ideas that are important here," the Bakersfield electrician said. "It's not whether I win or lose."

Gifford, 35, acknowledged that he won't have much money to campaign. . . but he's hoping his campaign will help spread the philosophy of the Libertarian Party.

Reducing the size of government would increase economic and personal freedoms, he said. If elected he would lobby to lower state taxes and cut back the welfare system. "The best way to take care of people who are in need would be to legalize work and to privatize welfare."

Gifford said one way to accomplish this would be to abolish the minimum wage, which is \$3.35 an hour. He explained that some employers may not hire disadvantaged youths, such as minority teen-agers, for that amount. By ending the minimum wage, these teen-agers could bargain for wages that could be increased with experience, gain job training and break the welfare cycle.

Born in Bakersfield. . . he and his wife, Yuleen, have been married for about six years. He has a 10-year-old son from a previous marriage. This is his first plunge into politics. He has been a Libertarian for four years.

From *The Californian*, Bakersfield, February 8, 1986.

## Where the Votes Are: Precinct Organizing

The recent turnout in the June 3 primary wasn't too bad—especially for a third party. Some Libertarians did go to the polls and vote. Nonetheless, if we're to make any kind of impressive showing come November, we have to start organizing and lining up our campaign workers now.

Bob Lehman's plan provides a great way to locate and motivate those interested voters who are, indeed, potential active libertarians. Here are some ideas which can be used in conjunction with his—while building a workable precinct organization.

First, get copies from the your county's Registrar of Voters of your Precinct Vote Count (PVC)—there's one for every candidate in every race. These list by number, every precinct in your district—Assembly, State Senate, Congressional—in which a libertarian ballot was cast; and beside that will be listed the number of votes cast for you in that precinct. Don't be surprised if the two aren't the same. It may say, for example, that four Libertarian votes were cast in a precinct but you received only three. Explanation: maybe one voter decided to vote only on the ballot propositions.

Get the precinct books for those precincts where a Libertarian voted and you received a vote and go through them, carefully recording the names and addresses of the Libertarians who voted—which will be the ones who signed the precinct book. It's also a good idea to note the names of the other registered Libertarians—although, I realize you can get this in a few days, weeks or months from the Registrar of your county. But why wait for bureaucrats to do their job? You need the information now.

Next, order your precinct maps from whoever handles that in your county. Here in L.A., it's the Precinct Division. They will give you a list of all the precincts in your district (the PVC's tell only those where a Libertarian cast a ballot), and you can order the maps on which these are drawn. (A complete set of the 55th Assembly District cost just over \$20 and took about 30 minutes to be copied.) You outline the precinct boundaries on ordinary city maps—provided these have enough detail—and you're ready to start putting the information together and asking questions.

Which precincts tossed a vote your way? Are any adjacent? (The numbers are deceptive. Two serial numbers do not necessarily mean the precincts are side-by-side.) What are the demographics of a precinct where there's a high (for us) LP registration? Did you get any votes from these high-LP precincts?

Other ideas suggest themselves: Inviting the folks that voted to a fund-raising barbecue—who knows, one might even want to host such an event for you. Drawing on them to help distribute literature as Bob has outlined. Need help on a mailing for your regional newsletter or a fundraising letter? These are the people to ask to a "lick-and-stick" mailing party.

At the very least, with this information you can organize a get-out-the vote effort for November. Moreover, it will dovetail nicely with Bob's LONG ACTIVE project—candidates and their friends can be the ones to scan the precinct books and do the indexing.



# The Sounding Board

Last month, *CLNews* published a letter of criticism from Waheed Bactor, activist and current LP candidate for the 29th Congressional District, asserting that the Executive Committee was not properly implementing the intention of the delegates to the February Convention who passed an important Bylaws change written by Ed Clark and Bruce Daniels.

In his letter, Waheed charged that while the Strategy Committee (established by the Ex-Com at its May meeting to fulfill this mandate) had set several goals that were admirable in themselves, these would not be of any help in getting Libertarian candidates elected—a goal defined by the new bylaw.

In addition to the letter, *CLNews* published the bylaw and the Strategy Committee Resolution, and invited readers to study these and respond to the criticism—either for or against. We received one letter only, from Bob Lehman, who disputes Waheed's charges.

Below is the bylaw and Bob's letter of reply. Again, what do you think? Is Waheed right? Is Bob right? Are they both right?

## Bylaw 9, Section 3:

*It shall be the primary duty of the Executive Committee to develop, fund and implement (either directly or through such committees as they shall appoint) a political strategy to elect Libertarians pledged to the Party Statement of Principles, and to proclaim and implement those principles into public policy.*

Now, the letter of reply.

## To the Editor:

Waheed Bactor's letter to *CLNews* (July, 1986) raises the question of whether the LPC Executive Committee is carrying out the mandate of the 1986 LPC State Convention delegates to elect Libertarians pledged to the Party Statement of Principles.

By ignoring the key words, *develop, fund, and implement . . . a political strategy*, Waheed has misinterpreted Bylaw 9, Section 3, as if it read: It shall be the *primary duty* of the Executive Committee to . . . elect Libertarians pledged to the Party Statement of Principles.

Actually, Bylaw 9, Section 3, is so general that each delegate attending our 1986 LPC Convention could have had a different interpretation of what had been passed.

For example, do the words, *develop, fund, and implement* mean that these tasks are to be taken up in that order? How many more years are to be spent *developing* our political strategy before we begin to *fund* it? How many decades might we expect to spend *funding* our political strategy before we can begin implementing it? Or do we expect to develop, fund, and implement our strategy simultaneously and immediately?

And what if next year's LPC Convention delegates pass another strategy resolution negating our 1986 resolution, just as that 1986 LPC Convention passed this resolution apparently negating the long-term policy we had been working on since 1983?

It is fine to pass resolutions in Convention outlining our goals, but when the LPC State Convention "succeeds" in raising \$2,000 to fund *all* of our 1986 statewide campaigns, the LPC Executive Committee must soberly assess our prospects for achieving our goals in the short, intermediate, and long term. Only after such sober assessment can a strategy be developed with the goal of electing Libertarians *as soon as possible*.

Bob Lehman, Secretary  
Libertarian Party of California

## LONG ACTIVE

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Phone calls will be made from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. from a local Libertarian's business office with four to eight phone lines.

5. Step 5 is from October 1 to election day, and will be the actual distribution of the *NEWS* (with an enclosed response envelope). Libertarian doorbellers recruited in step four will use precinct walking lists which the L.A. County Registrar supplies to each ballot-qualified party—to find registered Libertarians and independents in their own neighborhoods. Both negative and positive responses will be recorded on the list—*after* leaving the voter's property. The area captains will monitor the progress of doorbellers in their area.

6. Step six is the payoff: the retrieval of the lists, with the notes made by campaign workers, of registered Libertarians and independents; the entry of all information from the lists, as well as the names of all campaign workers, into the LPC's computer. Then work can begin on preparing prospect lists for the annual membership drive from November 1 through January 31.

The above is based in part on Bob Lehman's article in the July/August issue of *Libertarian Party NEWS*. For more information contact Bob, (213) 389-3358, or Neal Donner, (213) 477-6472.

UPDATE: Bob reports that Region 62, Westside L.A. County, is the first region to get area captains signed up and ready to go for all zipcodes.

## It's a Boy!

Congratulations are in order for Mary Gingell and Bill Evers—who are now proud parents of a seven-pound baby boy, Daniel Kenneth, born July 7. We offer congratulations to Mary and Bill, and wish all the best for the youngest libertarian.





# What's Happening

## L.I. Convention: Stockholm '86

*The Welfare Society vs. the Welfare State* is the theme of the Third Libertarian International World Convention, to be held August 21-27 at the beautiful Hotel Najaden in Stockholm.

The world's ultimate welfare state, Sweden has been regarded as a kind of workers' paradise—where everyone has a high standard of living, education, and security. It's been described as a "middle way" between capitalism and socialism. But more recently it's been recognized as "the least free country in the free world." Total government spending is over 70% of the gross national product, and an average income is taxed at 71%. Only one child in 350 is privately educated. Radio, television, health care, employment agencies are all state monopolies. Despite promotion of "sexual liberation," sexual censorship in the arts is now imposed. There's trouble in Paradise.

The questions to be addressed at the convention include: Are the Swedish problems inherent in any welfare system? Can they be solved? What are the alternatives?

There's an international lineup of speakers: Karl Hess, editor of *LP NEWS*; Henri Lepage, renowned French author and economist; Leon Louw, anti-apartheid activist and president of the Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa; Walter Block, author of *Defending the Undefendable*; economist and author Walter Williams; Dagny Sharon of Freenetwork; and many others.

But more important than the excellent speakers and workshops, is the chance to get together and compare notes with libertarians from all over the world. We are not alone—there are others out there who share our values and are challenging the state—with varying degrees of success—just as we are. They need our support and we need their's. That's why L.I. was founded (in 1980)—to promote the ideals of liberty and to simplify contacts between libertarians in different parts of the world.

For full information about the costs of the Convention and accommodations at the hotel, write Libertarian International, 9 South Belmont Ave., Richmond, VA 23221. (804) 353-9602.

## Come to the Fairs

**SANTA CLARA:** The Santa Clara County Fair will be going on from July 25 through August 10, and the Santa Clara County LP will be sponsoring a literature booth. Volunteers are needed to talk with fair-goers and hand out literature. Call Jan D'Amicis to sign up, (619) CRY-FREE.

**SANTA CRUZ:** The LP of Santa Clara County has been at the Santa Cruz County fair every year since 1974 to distribute literature and sign up members. This year it will be held September 9-14. Call Bill Anderson, (408) 476-9753.

**VENTURA:** Libertarians joined in the festivities at the Ventura Street Fair, July 4. The local region sponsored a literature booth, and State Senate candidate Jay Wood (wearing a tri-cornered hat and *Reason* T-shirt) circulated through the crowd asking people to put their names on a copy of the Declaration of Independence. About 150 agreed—which is more than signed the original back in 1776.

## Women's Liberty Network

Entrepreneur Dagny Sharon, coordinator of the Future of Freedom Conference and co-founder of Freenetwork, has founded a new organization for women. According to Dagny, the purpose of Women's Liberty Network, "is (1) to network with non-libertarian female leadership in the community, in order to attract women to the superiority of libertarianism over collectivism; and (2) to increase the libertarian female population for mating purposes."

Women's Liberty Network will meet for lunch the third Sunday of every month—that's August 17 for the next one. The topic to be discussed will be "Patriotism: Friend or Foe?" For location and details, contact Dagny Sharon, (714) 531-1807.



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# LOCAL EVENTS AND CONTACTS

COUNTY	DATE	EVENTS	CHAIR or CONTACT*	PHONE
Alameda	Thu., Aug. 14	Discussion: Pragmatism vs "Purity" in Politics	Fred Foldvary	415/548-3776
Butte			Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Contra Costa			Hugh McLean	415/234-7809
Fresno			Tim Salzer	209/233-4393
Kern	Fridays	Discussion Group and Party Every Friday Evening	Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
Lake			Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
Los Angeles Co. (Regions 61-67)				
-61, San Fernando Valley	Wed., Aug. 13	Breck McKinley: Public Schools—America's Gulag?	Roland Shirley*	818/882-9209
-62, West L.A.	Thu., Aug. 21	Carol Newman: Hot Issues in the Attorney General's Race	Neal Donner	213/477-6462
-63, Foothills	Tue., Aug. 19	David Bergland: Libertarian Temperament	Kim Goldsworthy	818/280-5644
-64, Central L.A.	Thu., Aug. 14	Taylor Rhodes: A Libertarian in Congress	Ted Brown	213/257-8922
-65, Downey	Wed., Aug. 13	Sarah Foster: Nuclear Education in Public Schools	Marty Swinney	213/699-3128
-66, South Bay	Thu., Aug. 21	Breck McKinley: Misadventures in the IRS	Cullene Lang	213/595-6266
-67, East San Gabriel Valley			Gail Lightfoot	714/599-1627
Marin	Wed., Aug. 6	Almodovar: Victimless Crimes and Criminal Justice System	Dan Dougherty	415/457-1411
Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Nevada			Jim Hosbein	916/273-9174
Orange		No Meeting in August	Steve Krueger	714/969-3706
Placer			Bruce Daniel	916/663-2568
Riverside		No Meetings during July and August	Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento			Roger Pope	916/921-1776
San Bernardino		No Meetings during July and August	Brian Bishko	714/684-5218
San Diego	Tue., Aug. 12	Ed Clark: Libertarian Persuasion—a Personal Perception	Dick Rider*	619/276-7166
	Tue., Aug. 19	Business Meeting	Pat Wright	619/238-0913
San Diego (No. Co.)	Tue., Aug. 26	Alan Hemphill: Rose Bird and Personal Responsibility	Cary Smith*	619/741-8044
San Francisco			Mike Mayakis	415/621-2386
San Luis Obispo			Steve Jacobsen	805/541-0900
San Mateo			Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
Santa Barbara			Dave Villadsen*	805/685-1686
Santa Clara	Thru Aug. 10	Santa Clara County Fair	Dale Burrow	408/279-3733
Santa Cruz	Thu., July 31	Recording of Ayn Rand : Cultural Value Depreavation	Bill Anderson*	408/476-9753
Solano			Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
Sonoma			Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Tulare	Sats. 9, 23, 31	Discussion: Walter Block's <i>Defending the Undefendable</i>	Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
Ventura	Thu., Aug 7	Speaker to be Announced	George Hasara	805/525-6321

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